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"IMABA" OPENS DOORS AUG. 21

Australia Plans Boy Scout Commem

When the International Boy Scouts Jamboree is held at Wonga Park in Australia, the Postal Administration of that country will issue a commemorative stamp to honor the event. Dates of the Jamboree are from December 29 until January 9, 1949.

The stamp comes as a surprise announcement to collectors in Australia for no previous indication had been given that such a stamp was under consideration. It will be of the usual 2½d. denomination and carry a Boy Scout motif. First day of issue will occur on November 15 and its period of sale in Australian post offices will terminate on the last day of the Jamboree, January 9. This means that the stamp will be on public sale for less than two months.

First stamp for 1949 of a commemorative nature will be the 2½d. to honor Henry Lawson. Shortly thereafter, the Royal Visit series will be released on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of England and Princess Margaret.

The Postmaster General, Senator Cameron, indicated that there will be at least three other commemorative stamps other than those noted above for 1949, but he failed to elaborate further on this statement by naming persons and events to be honored.

Another Stamp Out, This Time In Indiana

Just the other day, Horace Greeley Stamps could bear the pangs of confinement no longer. So that being the case, Stamps eluded Indiana State prison guards and headed west. He was serving a two to five year burglary charge.

Another Report On Swedish Cracked Plate

Since the first publication of information concerning a crack in the plate of the Swedish 5c stamp, we have had several letters from readers who have attempted to locate this crack. In no instance have we seen the sheets they refer to so all we can do is to pass on the information given us and let you look for yourselves.

The latest bit of information comes from C. E. Becker of Waukesha, Wisconsin who reports a crack in the 40th stamp on plate 23832, upper left pane. If you have this sheet, check it and see.

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Great Britain's Olympic Issue



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Lady Postmaster Of Palomar Mountain Clears Decks For First Day Action On August 30

Palomar Mountain Postoffice has been a "family affair" since its establishment 48 years ago—but the family will need a little help come Aug. 30.

That's the day picked by the Postoffice Department for issuance of the new three-cent stamp commemorating Palomar Observatory. About a quarter-million blank envelopes will be mailed to this tiny fourth-class postoffice—a "general store" type—by stamp collectors all over the world. The first day cover collectors want neatly canceled stamps of the first day's issue, postmarked on Palomar.

Mrs. Adalind S. Bailey, who followed her husband and father-in-law as Palomar postmaster, never was one to shirk a duty. But 250,000 envelopes are a good many to stamp and prepare for mailing all by yourself.

"This will be taken care of, though," Mrs. Bailey said. "I have received a wire from the third assistant postmaster general, Joseph Lawler, asking about accommodations on the mountain for a special crew of clerks to handle the job."

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The pre-canceling for Aug. 30 mailing should take about a week, postal experts estimate. A powered machine will be trucked up the mountainside to absorb the bulk of the job.

In doing the job in its own

quarters, Palomar Postoffice will be showing a thing or two to Coloma, in El Dorado County, where the postoffice earlier this year issued first day covers of the stamp commemorating the discovery of gold in California.

Those first-day covers were pre-cancelled in Sacramento.

Last previous issue of this type in San Diego County was 13 years ago, when a special stamp issue honored the Exposition. Assistant Postmaster Joseph Silvers recalls that requests poured in for 150,000 covers.

For Clarence H. Dawson, of Rancho Agua Hedionda y Los Monos, who is president of Palomar Philatelic Society, the observatory stamp represents something of a personal triumph. He "roughed" a design for the stamp, began a correspondence with the Postoffice Department in October of 1946, and—as an ex-Stanford classmate of Charles K. Fletcher—persuaded the Congressman to introduce a bill which turned the trick.

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International Exhibition At Basel, Switzerland Will Have Outstanding Collections On View

Starting this coming week-end on August 21, and lasting until August 29, the international philatelic exhibition for 1948 will be held at Basel Switzerland. To be known as the IMABA (Internationale Briefmarken-Ausstellung), the exhibition will be housed in the large main building of the Swiss Industries Fair. Exhibits have been received from all the countries of Europe, from the United States, Canada and some countries of Central and South America, and it is at this time that collectors of the world vie for the mythical title of "world's best stamp collector".

In 1947, when the international philatelic exhibition was held in New York City, this honor was won by Saul Newberry of Chicago. In the opinion of the jury of judges, Mr. Newberry's collection of United States stamps was adjudged the best of all those in competition. This year, the judges group will again be made up of some of the world's leading experts and collectors, the member of the jury from the United States being Edwin Mueller of New York City.

Philatelic recognition in the form of a special stamp issue, and special cancellation of mail are planned by the Swiss. The stamp-recognition will come in the form of a souvenir sheet containing two stamps of the same design but in different colors and values. Johann Rudolf Wettstein will be the central figure on both stamps. One will have a value of 10c, the other 20c, while the selling price of the sheet will be 3Fr. The surtax of Fr. 2.70 will be used to help finance the exhibition, and to provide funds for a charity.

The Swiss will also have a special exhibition station set up in the exhibition hall itself, and it will be here that collectors can obtain one of the special cancellations to be applied to the mail of collectors during the time of the show. (See Linn's of August 2).

Winning exhibitors will be awarded medallions in gold, silver and bronze, the design of which is patterned after the official IMABA seal which depicts two doves in flight with letters in their beaks, and the wording, "IMABA BASEL 1948". Besides this there will be other special prizes donated by leading collectors and dealers.

This will be the first international exhibition to be organized by Swiss collectors under the auspices of the F. I. P. (Federation Internationale de Philatelie). The Federation, since the war, has been striving to establish itself as the highest governing body of philately for the entire world. It does contain a number of the leading stamp societies of many countries, and intends by the extension of its "blessing" to keep international exhibitions within its control.

In the United States, the American Philatelic Society is affiliated with the F.I.P. Such affiliation accrues to the members in that they will come under the benevolence of the international

group and will thus share in the benefits it can give.

The F. I. P. holds two articles in its constitution which if not applied in fairness could act as restraints on exhibitions. One states that only such exhibitions as recognized by the F. I. P. can be called official, while the second states that any member of a society affiliated with the F. I. P. which enters his stamps in a show not approved by the F.I.P. will be barred from competition which the Federation approves.

Visitors to the show from outside Switzerland will find much in the town of Basel itself to keep them sightseeing, for Basel is the gateway of Switzerland. It is an European traffic center where numerous international roads, air and railway lines meet. The city is situated on both sides of the bend of the Rhine where the river turns north and France, Germany and Switzerland meet.

The old episcopal palace and its historic surroundings near the Cathedral are exceptionally well preserved. The view from Klein-Basel of the Cathedral, the fine old mansions and other historic buildings across the river is not easily forgotten.

However, the citizens of Basel have not devoted all their energies to preserving the monuments left by their ancestors; they have also built fine municipal and industrial buildings of the most modern type. The new municipal hospital is the most up-to-date in Europe.

The Art museum is famous throughout the world for its unique collections of paintings by Hans Holbein, Konrad Witz and others. The various national and international exhibitions in the Picture Gallery will also delight lovers of the fine arts.

The great commercial activity of this frontier town and the important part it plays in European trade are shown by the following facts: Basel is the home of the Swiss Chemical Industries, which export their products to all parts of the world; it is an important European center of commerce; the annual Swiss Industries Fair is held here, and goods are transported by ship right into Basel docks.

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ARGENTINA: A 5 cent yellow and brown will mark National Safety Day. There is also proposed a 5 cent lavender to honor the founding of postal service on the Plate River.

BELGIAN CONGO: A nice new item for collectors of railroad topicals has been issued commemorating the inauguration of train service from Matadi to Leopoldi. The stamps are 2 francs 50 denomination and shows an early train as well as a map of the route. The dates 1898 and 1948 appear in the upper corner. The colors are blue and green.

BRAZIL: Commemoratives were issued for the International Industrial and commercial exposition. There is a single postage value of a 40 cent denomination showing the globe in violet with the background in olive green. There are two airmails both of which show a large building. One is henna red and the denomination is 1.20 cr; the other is pale violet and is of 3.80 cr. denomination.

BULGARIA: A set honoring a monument to the Soviet army has been issued. Denominations and subjects are as follows: 42. brown, shows a Soviet soldier; 102. green, shows Soviet soldiers being welcomed by Bulgarian farmers; a 202. blue bears the dates 1878 and 1944 with the monument in the background; and the 602 green, shows the Moscow Kremlin and portrait of Stalin. All values bear the wording, "Peoples Republic Bulgaria" in either Latin or Cyrillic characters.

CAPE VERDE: A new provisional has been produced by overprinting the 40c orange of the Ceres type in black to change it to a 25c stamp.



CHINA: Two new overprints have been received. One a \$5000 on the \$1000 carmine lake "Blossom type," the other a \$1000 on \$2.00 Scott's No. 843 type A67. Both overprints are black and the stamps are issued without gum.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: A presidential commemorative set will be issued to honor each of the presidents. There will be four 1/2c brown violet stamps honoring presidents Cantena, Jimenez, Baez, and Mota. There will be two 1c stamps in green honoring Balverde, and Salcedo. There will be four 2c stamps in red honoring Polanco, De Rojas, Pimenel and Cabral. There will be four 3c stamps in blue, honoring Gonzales, Trumbiariato, Espallat, and De Castro. There will be two 5c stamps in maroon. These will portray Guillermo and Luperon. There will be three 10c stamps in emerald green showing Marino, Billini and Woss y Gil. There will be three 15c stamps in orange showing Jimenez, Figuero, and Bagante. There will be three 17c stamps in vermilion showing Langusco, Caceres, and Victoria. There will be one 20c dark blue showing Nouel, and three 25c black showing Baldez, Baez, and Car-

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As if this is not enough, there will be airmails consisting of a 10c blue showing Burjob, a 15c rose showing Urena, a 20c green showing Peynado, a 25c orange showing Concha, and a 30c sepia showing Trujillo.

FINLAND: A commemorative stamp with a face value of 12 mk. will be issued in connection with the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Helsinki this October.

GERMANY: Airmail service from German Nationals in the American zone is now being handled by means of an airmail letter sheet printed with a blue burlage paper and blue striped border with a red rectangle bearing the words "Taxe percue 100 pf. Deutsch post" in two lines. On the reverse of this envelope there is printed a warning in German that there are to be no enclosures and that if any enclosures are found the letter will be handled by ordinary mail. There are also printed instructions in German telling how to fold the letter sheet with dotted lines marked first fold, and second fold. The copy of one which I saw was mailed from Hamburg July 20, 1948 and was delivered in New Orleans, July 23, 1948.

HUNGARY: Scott's No. B166-169 have been reissued imperforate.



IFNI (SPANISH WEST AFRICA)

The Spanish colony of Ifni has two provisional airmails produced by a red overprint being applied to a five centavo yellow and 10 centavo green of the type of Spain AP30. These are said to be very scarce.

ISRAEL: An airmail set is said to be contemplated for issue in October.

LUXEMBURG: Imperfs. have been reported on the 20c black, 30c green and 60c violet of the lion's type, Scott's type A38.

NICARAGUA: A baseball commemorative set will be issued to help finance a national baseball program for the 1949 season. Stamps will be issued in January and will consist of 13 values with a total face value of about \$1.00. Each of these values will also be issued in souvenir sheets of 4 stamps each. There will also be an airmail issue of 13 values for a total face of roughly \$2.00 and these will also be issued in miniature sheets. There are said to be only 2500 complete sets to the issue but these figures are subject to revision. There will also be a 1 centavo postal tax stamp issued in connection with this set.



PHILIPPINES IS: The Roxas mourning stamps have been received. Both are printed in gray black and show President Roxas speaking through a microphone. Denominations are 2 centavos and 4 centavos.

SWITZERLAND: On August 21st a 2 value souvenir sheet will be issued in honor of the International Philatelic Exhibition which is to be held in Basle from August 21st to 29th and will be valid for postage only for the period of August 21st to December 31st 1948. The sheet will also be available in series of 16 sheets. Individual sheets will be sold a 3 francs. The difference between the face value of 30 cents and the selling price will be used to subsidize the expenses of the exhibition.

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August 30—Palomar Mountain Observatory 3c, first day from Palomar Mountain, Calif.

September 7—Clara Barton (no value given) first day from Oxford, Mass.

September 14—Poultry Industry (no value given), first day from New Haven, Conn.

September 21—Gold Star Mother's Stamp 3c, first day at Washington, D. C.

September 22—Fort Kearney Centennial 3c, first day from Minden, Nebr.

October 4—Volunteer Firemen 3c, first day from Dover, Delaware.

October 15—Indian Centennial, (no value given) first day from Muskogee, Okla.

October 27—Rough Riders (no value given) first day from Prescott, Ariz.

November 4—Will Rogers 3c, first day at Claremore, Okla.

November 8—Fort Bliss Centennial (no value given) first day from El Paso, Texas.

November 9—Moina Michael (no value given), first day from Athens, Georgia.

November 15—Juliette Gordon Low (no value given) first day from Savannah, Georgia.

November 19—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 85th Anniversary 3c, first day at Gettysburg, Penna.

November 20—Turner Society Centenary 3c, Cincinnati, Ohio.

December 9—Joel Chandler Harris 100th Anniversary of Birth, 3c, First day at Eatonton, Ga.

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Many dealers holding a membership in the American Stamp Dealers Association will no doubt take advantage of the opportunity of attending the Chicago Convention of the group on September 13 to 16 at the Hotel Morrison. Returnees from the APS Convention are expected to pause here for the three days before going on to the SPA Convention at Detroit on September 17, 18 and 19. The SPA Convention is to be held at the Detroit-Leland Hotel.

The executive officers of the ASDA have their plans for the meet well advanced at this time. Co-Chairmen of the event are Merrell Kirkland, president of the Chicago chapter, and Edson J. Fifield, president of the ASDA.

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A few over 6500 votes favored the union, the final totals amounting to 77,814 for, and 71,258 against.

The narrowness of the margin and the fact that while the residents of St. John's voted in a large majority for responsible government the rural districts favored confederation, have tended to make a decision by the Canadian Government a delicate one.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, however, in a formal statement said that the Canadian Government welcomed the result of the plebiscite and was now consulting with the Governments of the United Kingdom and Newfoundland in working out appropriate constitutional procedure for implementing the decision taken by the people of Newfoundland.

The Canadian Government, Mr. King added, would be glad to receive, with the least possible delay, authorized representatives of Newfoundland to negotiate the terms of union on the basis of the proposals submitted last year.

Before final action is taken the resulting agreement will be submitted to the Canadian Parliament for approval.

Newfoundland will come to Canada as the sixth phase in the construction of a nation.

In Canada's original confederation pact of 1867, there were Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Manitoba came in three years later; British Columbia in 1871 and Prince Edward Island in 1873.

Alberta and Saskatchewan were created in 1905 out of the Northwest territories.

Union of Newfoundland with Canada will raise the Dominion's population to nearly 13,000,000.

Philatelically, Newfoundland has been one of the countries given a big play by collectors. The stamps have nearly all been attractive, and in most cases have been easily available, the country lately having gone to some trouble to accommodate stamp enthusiasts. From the point of value, the stamps of this country have shown a steady increase.

Now that it will no longer exist as a separate stamp issuing government, the probable effect will lessen the interest which has been shown by collectors in its issues.

No doubt some type of commemorative recognition will be given on Canadian postage stamps to the union. Possibilities in this respect range from a single stamp to a series.

Tulsa Stamp Store Changes Ownership

Effective August 4, the firm of Barr and Company took over the stock and the offices of Ache, Incorporated of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Owners of the firm are Elgy L. Barr and Evelyn Barr. The Barrs plan to continue with the counter and mail order philatelic service carried on by the former occupants, who carried a fine line of old and new issues, United States stamps and accessories.

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Philatelic Center Stated For Cincinnati

The Mid-West is about to have a new philatelic center. Planning to be in full operation by Fall, the plan involves expansion of several well-known stamp businesses. Evolved through the acquisition of the Queen City Stamp Co. by W. P. Betts, well known dealer of Elsie, Michigan, the move brings together at the same location Mr. Betts' office, the Mint Sheet Brokerage Company, now in Sidney, and the re-opening of the Queen City Stamp Co. All will have offices and display rooms on the third floor of the

Cambridge Building, located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati at 604 Race St.

It is pointed out that each of the businesses will retain their individual identity and current management with the exception of Queen City Stamp Co. which recently was acquired by Mr. Betts from the Philip Weiss estate.

As in the past, Queen City Stamp Company will cater exclusively to the retail trade, and will be under the management of Lee Chadwick. Mr. Scholl will continue to manage the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., and Mr. Betts will maintain buying offices there.

The first step toward establishment of this philatelic center will be the re-opening of the Queen City Stamp Co. on Aug. 14th. Mint Sheet Brokerage and Mr. Betts are expected to open their Cincinnati offices soon.

Cincinnati and the entire Mid-West will benefit as a result of this plan for the philatelic center there, its creators point out. It will provide the area with three well known organizations in one location, functioning as headquarters for wholesaling, retailing, buying, and auctions.

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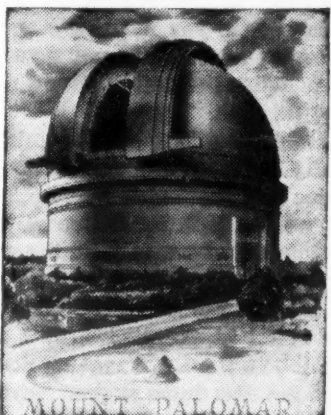
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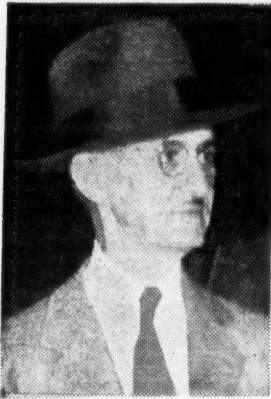
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days for delivery before catching up with the date line, so no matter when you received it before you are now getting it two days earlier due to change in date line.

We also believe the situation has been remedied by better service all along the line in the post offices of the country.

For years past postal employees have been grossly underpaid. They continued to work on the same old rate of pay that they got years ago when in every other line of business salaries had advanced from 50 to 100%.

A situation of this sort brought about a bad state of affairs in our postal service. First lack of interest on the part of employees, a sort of don't give a heck attitude in some cases and in others the clerks of old standing left their jobs to seek better pay in private employment. This resulted in the hiring of thousands of new and less experienced men and a natural situation which made the service suffer all along the line.

Recently a long overdue raise in salaries was given the postal employees and this has been deserved for years. We believe that the "esprit du corps" will and has improved and that we can look for better service. Further than this, the appointment of a man from the ranks as Postmaster General is one of the best moves that President Truman has made. The men in the ranks can certainly feel more pleased and give better cooperation with a man who has risen to his high job in the same manner that they are working. If we could get this same system introduced all over the nation whereby men in each local office could aspire to the position of postmaster in their community, rather than have these postmasters picked for their political connections as so many are, the spirit in the service would take on a new value and interest to every employee. Let us hope that such a situation may develop in the future.

We are impelled to write this editorial because one of our readers took the time and trouble to write a personal letter to our local postoffice and congratulate the office on their expeditious handling of the paper in recent weeks.

This party, located about 150 miles from Sidney reported that his weekly paper, dated Mondays is now reaching him either on the Saturday previous or at the latest on Mondays, the date of issue. We appreciate this service, hope it will continue. In fact every reader within 500 miles of Sidney should have delivery of his paper by the date of issue. Those a thousand miles away should get their paper at least by the day after date of issue and even those in the farthest corners of the country should receive their papers by Wednesday or Thursday which would make the time about a week from our office.

We are glad this reader wrote our Postmaster, it feels good to have such letters of appreciation and should do much to help maintain the kind of service we would all appreciate.

Our sincere thanks to various readers and advertising patrons for first day covers of many of the recent stamps.

Every sign points to a big winter ahead for the stamp business. This means intensive activity on the part of collectors. Keep alert, you do not want to miss the good things that are in store for you.

Columnist Proposes Gobs Of New Stamps

Readers will remember the clever bit of dialogue which appeared some weeks ago about the "Hen" stamp design, and which was a reproduction of one of the daily columns of H. I. Phillips in the New York Sun and known as the "Sun Dial." Once again Mr. Phillips has scored, this time after he had seen the schedule of stamps proposed for issuance for the balance of 1948. After giving the dates of the new issues and the persons, places and things to be honored, Mr. Phillips writes as follows.

"This department can't understand the omission of the Elmer Twitchell stamp commemorating his life and works, the Shudda Haddim stamp marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of his last winner, and the Imo Dodo stamp in honor of a life devoted completely to acquiring a permanent tan.

"It is doubtless a temporary oversight and action will follow completion of plans for launching the new 3-center in honor of the invention of the hot dog by the Stevens Brothers, the 2-center honoring the discovery of corn-on-the-cob and the special-delivery one marking the birth of firemen's suspenders.

"These last ones would have been on the market some days ago but for some previous business connected with stamps to honor the inventor of the ash tray, the creator of the paper towel and the first snare drummer to operate west of the Alleghenies.

"The business of issuing new postage stamps has now become a major Federal industry and we look for an announcement of the following fresh ones any minute: "The Willis Cheever stamp honoring the first man to hold an oyster fry on this continent.

"The Luke McLuke stamp commemorating the first public try-out of the fly-swatter on American soil.

"The Tomato Industry stamp. This will recognize the contribution made to the drugstore sandwich by the tomato industry, enabling it to eliminate everything else except lettuce and mayonnaise.

"The Arch Supporter Industry stamp; a tribute to those pioneers in the great work of aiding the flat-footed.

"The Plug Tobacco Industry stamp. In memory of a rougher and readier America.

"The Tea-Bag stamp. This will be launched to pay tribute to all makers of teabags, but will, we hope, ignore the people responsible for what is put into them.

"The Electric Rabbit stamp, commemorating the birth of dog racing in the Western Hemisphere.

"Washington, Lincoln, Wilson? Who honors them through postage stamps any more?"

"Katy" Cachet One Of The Best Of 1948

A news item in the July number of "Katy Employees' Magazine" tells of the success of the cachet which was sponsored by the M-K-T Railroad on the occasion of the inaugural run of the streamlined "Texas Special." Acknowledged as probably the most attractive cachet of the year, and certainly the best of the railroad cachets, it is the brainchild of Carey D. Mitchell of the Katy's Engineering Department, and secretary of the Greater St. Louis Stamp Club.

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The catalog contains nearly 1400 pages, and a listing of over 73,000 stamps, and covers the entire stamp issuing world. A point very much in favor of the catalog is the fact that the thousands of readable illustrations are reproduced at 1/4 the size of the original stamps. Anyone who has ever used a catalog of any kind will find the Gibbons' Simplified an easily used book. It also has the advantage in the fact that as stated by the publishers the prices given for the stamps are based on current retail quotations and at which they are able to supply them.

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LET'S MOUNT SOME STAMPS!

by Carl P. Rueth

Pages from the collection of Mr. Charles Unger, 18710 Peoria Ave., Detroit, Mich.

A subject which is always of keen interest to collectors concerns the mounting and the display of their own stamps, or that of another collector. Even those who have displayed their material often in philatelic exhibitions, and who might have the claim of experience—are always on the lookout for new ideas of merit in the display of another. In the showing of the three album pages here, many of the fine points of display can be noted.

These pages are from the specialized collection of Austria of Charles J. Unger of Detroit, Mich., a member of the Austria Philatelic Society. And even while this collection is specialized, the general features can be copied or expanded upon for any type stamps.

Shown are the types & the subtypes of the 9 Kreuzer imperforated 1850-1858 stamp. History of this stamp is given on the page shown in illustration No. 2, and it reads as follows:

"On February 5, 1850, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who controlled the Postal Service, approved the design, a small shield of Austria with value below, to be used on the first pre-paid stamps of the Austrian Empire.

"The design was made by an employ of the State Printing Office, whose name unfortunately has been lost.

"The stamps were printed by the Royal Court and States Printing Office in sheets of 240 stamps. Each sheet consisting of four panes and each pane had 60 stamps. The first sale was fixed to begin on June 1, 1850.

"At first the 1, 2, 3, 6 and 12 Kreuzer were approved, but on May 16, 1850, two weeks before the deadline, the Minister of Trade decided to modify the existing tariff and substitute the 9 Kreuzer for the 12 Kreuzer.

"This change gave the Royal Court and State Printing Office very little time to prepare the 9 Kreuzer, so in order to save time, the existing cliches of the 6 and 3 Kreuzer were used, by removing the values and replacing them with a 9, accounting for a number of different types.

"The original steel die was engraved by Tautenhayn, from which ten copper matrices were struck and from each of these matrices a cliché (stereotype) prepared. The values were soldered in later on the clichés.

"The 9 Kreuzer was used in

the third zone, above 20 miles. This issue was discontinued on December 31, 1858."

The above then, is the introductory philatelic write-up which presents the stamps to any beholder. It will be noted that practically none of it could be obtained from any existing stamp catalog, and could only be found and compiled by a personal search for such information. Of course, a write-up for say commemorative or semi-postal stamps would deal more with the story behind the design, or perhaps of the charity being helped in the case of the semi-postals.

After Mr. Unger has introduced his stamps and their origin, he then proceeds to depict the many varieties using enlarged hand drawings of certain sections of the stamp to illustrate his point. In this same illustration No. 2, three stamps are shown with beautiful large margins and desirable cancellations. Explanatory notes tell and point out the varieties in the accompanying stamps.

Illustration No. 1, depicts, with the aid of hand-drawn sketches, other varieties of this same issue. It is easier to note here the nice condition of the stamps and the "socked on the nose" cancellations which make them stand out. Attention is called especially to the stamp on the right in the second row which remains on a part of the original cover so that the entire postmark can be retained.

Illustration No. 3 depicts some of the varieties found which are other than those of the printing. The strip of four at the top illustrates the "Wide Setting" between two of the stamps in the strip, while the four stamps in the second row depicts the various types of paper which were used for this series. A printing variety which shows an offset on the back of a stamp is depicted in the third row, while two different cancellations are on the bottom line. One cancellation is in red, the other is one during the first year of issue in 1850. The latter is also on a piece of cover so that the entire Postmark can be retained.

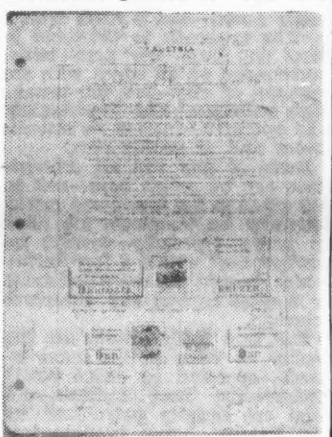
It will probably discourage some to learn that all the lettering, writing and the drawings were made by hand, and that they are superbly done. While 90% of

all collectors lack this skill, and possibly the patience to go along with it, pages just as presentable and attractive from a judge's point of view can be gotten up with the judicious use of a type writer and enlarged photograph of whole or parts of stamps to illustrate certain features, or varieties.

Mr. Unger's hand lettered pages will influence an exhibitor judge no more than typewritten pages which might be illustrated with photographs, providing that identical information is carried on them also. Mr. Unger's satisfaction and pride in his pages are personal, and are deserving of much praise. An example might be offered where a man builds his own home from the foundation on up. This home might be no better or different than others in the neighborhood, but to the man who built it, it represents something of himself. Something of his own genius has gone into the creation of it.

By this time the reader will have noted that the stamps are mounted on what is called a blank loose-leaf album page having a faintly quadrilled area. The quadrille aids materially in laying out of the stamps in a symmetrical manner, and in adding the lettering, either hand, typed or written. Special attention is called to the number of stamps per page, and the amount of white space that surrounds each of them. There's no crowding here, and with few exceptions, should there ever be any.

One feature of these pages which is not noticeable is that the boxes surrounding each of the stamps and the lettering, are all in the same shade of blue ink in which the stamps are printed. It is one of the few instances where such a choice of color is possible and in this case it adds immeasurably to the appearance of the page. Nearly always where a collector prefers to "box" his



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stamps or covers, the ink should be black. Other collectors get the same effect by mounting their stamps and covers on a piece of black lightweight cardboard, or mat, as they are known.

Some criticism has been leveled at the use of boxes and mats to set off one's display. It being asserted that the addition of these in no way influenced the judges. Whether the judges are influenced or not is beside the point. (Continued on page 11)

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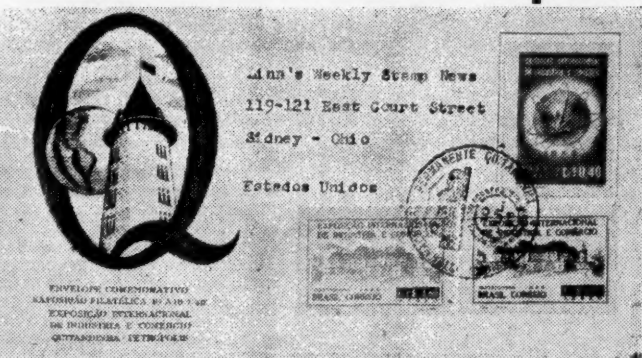
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Commemoratives For Commerce Exposition



A cover bearing the three stamps of the series issued by Brazil to commemorate the International Industry and Commerce Exposition at Quintandinha was received with the first day cancel of July 10. The low value is shown at the upper right corner. It is a Cr. \$0.40 in gray green and violet (pastel shades) depicting a globe and paths of commerce which center at Quintandinha. Identical designs appear on the remaining two stamps, this being a picture of the exposition building. The Cr. \$1.20 is in red brown, while the Cr. \$3.80 is in violet. The cover was received through the courtesy of the Clube Filatelico do Brazil.



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The approach to Cristobal is pretty much similar to entering most any large city port—with the added distinction of it being surrounded on all edges with tropical verdure—not an overly wide expanse of city—but the usual American hum of activity—a few high buildings—The Washington Hotel—U. S. Government owned and operated—focuses its attention on the traveller being alongside water and of goodly size.

Boats of any and all descriptions can be gotten here—and to any place in the world—as would naturally be imagined. No need to hurry especially—there'll be another boat within a few days—a nice thought not to be tied down to a close arrival and departure schedule.

The East Indian stores are the replica of those on the outer islands—operated by those smart traders—the East Indians—and who are heavily patronized by the tourists—being headquarters for the novelties of the world.

It is convenient to enter a U. S. Post Office and buy Canal Zone stamps—then cross the street out of the confines of the U. S. territory and buy Panama stamps. Items other than current issues were picked up at both places—besides the sets in daily use. But the Panama offices seemingly were able to find more of the older numbers owing to the U. S. offices doing most of the Postal business in the Zone.

Quite a few collectors—especially among the military personnel—so "swaps" was the order of the day when the occasion allowed—as duplicates are freely come by. A nice variety of unused as well as used items were gotten in small quantities—in especially nice condition—a number being Zone errors—and a few of the same of Panama likewise. It gives one a good feeling not to be obliged to haggle—with a yes or no response which generally doesn't obtain in other outlying orbits where stamps are concerned.

No known wholesalers operating in Cristobal—small holders that couldn't rate this distinction. But from the philatelic press it is noted that this wholesale phase is now apparently being satisfied quite well with a fairly representative stock of material including the stamps of the neighboring Republics.

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ted alongside ship to keep up a steady uninterrupted loading schedule. The Caribbean coastal area is low lying—all along the Central American Atlantic side this status obtains. Which in season intensifies the rainy spells and attendant mugginess at this time of the year.

But the United Fruit folks know how to circumvent port discomforts of this character while loading is going on. A special all day, all parlor car train was made up to take the passengers up to San Jose. Altitude close to 5000 feet above sea level. 103 miles—not kilometers—miles—standard guage railway—American "Engineers and big colored firemen—being coal fired outfits—up and up thru stimulating scenery as the extreme altitude is reached at El Alto—from there it is down hill into San Jose.

But tropical downpours up in the mountains had been cutting didoes—avalanches alongside the paralleling Reventazon River precluded getting any further than El Alto—Spanish for "the highest point." Just 35 miles short of destination.

Had planned for a two day visit with Alex Cohn—clerk to the Military Attache of the American Embassy. This chap by virtue of his official position evidently had access to considerable amounts of mail especially from Costa Rica itself as well as from the other Central American countries. His accumulation covered many years—the stamps of all neighboring countries were well and copiously represented—everything in excellent condition—the result of careful grading and assembly thru the years. This was written up in the philatelic press a number of years ago—and which will be remembered by some.

The practicality of stamps as an avocation or vocation—take your choice—whichever applies in this instance, anyway it was reported his accumulation sold for about \$3500.00 which provided Mr. Cohn the wherewithal to provide his children with college education in the States. Not to have met this gentleman was the only real frustration of its kind in the entire 11 weeks jaunt. Vagaries of the weather are something about which nothing can be done especially in a land where alternate ways of travel are non-existent.

Meanwhile Colonel Lindbergh returning to the States from his first South American good will flight had landed a few days previously at San Jose. And which occasioned the issue of a companion commemorative stamp chronicled in Scotts under Costa Rica No. 147. This stamp was on limited sale—face Costa Rica 10c—about 2½c American—. Following the termination of the prearranged sale dates—copies of this stamp could still be gotten at the Costa Rican Post Offices but at \$1.00 per copy—evidently the clerks had some special privileges and exercised their prerogatives accordingly. New York City dealers were selling this item for 25c at the same time and for some time thereafter. Anyway that is the way it is done in the tropics.

Many other different stamps of Costa Rica were gotten at standard prices however and at the identical stamp window at the Post Office—same clerk but the Lindbergh issue was still \$1.00 per each.

(To be continued)

Angola is a Portuguese possession in Africa.

The Flagship of the United Fruit Line was due to leave early that evening—so a final flurry of the shops again to pick up knick-knacks for the family—get aboard and become settled for the last weeks long salt water trek.

The United Fruit liners are spiffy—neat and trim—well staffed—which contributed to an enjoyable jaunt to Port Limon, Costa Rica. Daylight arrival found bananas waiting to be loaded—a large crew ashore on hand even this early to put in the licks. It took three days to load 60,000 bunches of bananas—the handling of which is well organized—and cleverly done without any lost motions—much on the order of assembly line contrivances fitted to the handling of this delicate and highly perishable fruit.

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When on June 19, the first day of issue for the Jose Rizal stamp took place it marked an important first in the annals of Philippine philately. Never before had a ceremony been held in connection with the presentation of the first sheet of an issue to any person, but on this occasion Miss Trinidad Rizal, sister of the Philippine hero was so remembered.

The stamp is a 2c green which makes use of the hitherto unpublished picture of Rizal, and which had been in the possession of Jose Ongpin many years. It was he who suggested its use when consulted on the matter of a proper picture for use on a stamp. The same design was used on a postal card in the same value of 2c, but in a dark red color.

The presentation delegation was led by Justice Manuel Lim, president of the Philippine Philatelic Club, and acting director of the Bureau of Posts, Felipe Cuaderno. Other members of the group were C. L. Llaneta, secretary of the PPC and originator of the idea, D. N. Arellano, Teodoro Protomartir, Jose de los Reyes, Yu Siu Cheong, Mamerto Buenafe and Severino N. Luna.

Miss Rizal, now 80 years old, graciously received the delegation and spent some time reminiscing with them about her late brother. She was also pleased to accept the first sheet of the stamps from Enrico Palomar, Chief of the Division of Stamps and Philately for the Philippines.

This new 2c Rizal stamp will take its place in the regular postage series, it supplanting the 2c brown which is sold out at the present date. The new postal card will supplant the old one also.

According to Severino N. Luna, one of the members of the Philippine Philatelic Club, several of the other recent issues are due to be taken off the Agency lists. These are the MacArthur set, the Quezon-Roosevelt issue, the 1c Quezon stamp and souvenir sheet and the perf and imperf ECAFE. The late 20c airletter sheet is sold out likewise.

This interest has been encouraging to the Philippine Postal Administration since it was not sure whether the issues of that country would be able to gain the pre-war favor that such stamps held. The Philippines are now an independent nation, where before and during the war they existed as a commonwealth government cooperating with the United States.

Several proposed issues of stamps have had to be postponed since the recent fire which gutted the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Manila. It will be several years before the Bureau can obtain the necessary equipment and rebuild the plant for the printing of Philippine stamps. In the meanwhile, most of them will be printed in the United States by one of the bank note companies.

**Cachet And Postmark
From Young America**

Youth Stamp cover collectors will be specially serviced during "Youth Month," September, by Boy Scout Troop 24, Minneapolis, Minn.

The boys will apply a cachet of their own design and take the envelopes to Young America, a post office in nearby Carver County, for a town cancellation. The boys are asking two cents per cover for this service. Covers will be accepted any time after Aug. 11, and held for Youth Month. Servicing will continue through September. Self-addressed envelopes with stamps affixed should be mailed with coins to "Troop 24, Minnehaha Station, Minneapolis, Minn."

This is the Scout troop that cacheted free 34,000 covers on the occasion of the 1847-1948 postage stamp centennial at the Boy Scout Exposition at Minneapolis last year.

**First In Series Of
Historical Cachets**

Integrating the Wisconsin and Minnesota Centennials, the Minnesota Centennial Commission, St. Paul, Minnesota, announces the first of a series of historical postal souvenirs to be issued August 26 on the occasion of the Centennial of the "Stillwater Convention," which was one of the early steps in the movement for a Minnesota territory in 1849.



In 1848, Stillwater was left high and dry when the Wisconsin state boundaries were established in May of that year. Formerly Stillwater had been in Wisconsin territory which extended to the Mississippi River. The new state line stopped at the St. Croix River, on the west bank of which Stillwater stands. The portion excluded by the boundary change was a "no-man's land" without law or government. The discarded Stillwaterites called a convention August 26, 1848, which drafted a memorial to Congress for the organization of a new territory to be called "Minnesota."

ed "Minnesota."

The postal souvenir is cacheted and franked with the Wisconsin Centennial stamp. The reverse side contains text and map of the excluded area. It will be posted at the site of the original convention at the civic celebration in Stillwater. Price will be 15c each or 10 for \$1.00. Addresses of the person to receive the covers and money should be sent to Minnesota Territorial Centennial, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Second of this Minnesota historical "series of ten" will be announced early in 1949.

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When the charter memberships reach the total of 100 collectors, states Joseph Bush, secretary of the Austria Philatelic Society no more will be admitted into this select group. This society which is of recent origin now numbers sixty members. It consists of collectors in all parts of the country who are interested in the stamps of Austria.

Contact between the members of the group, and the dissemination of information on Austrian stamps and their background is maintained with a monthly bulletin.

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By Carl P. Rueth

Mr. Jesse M. Donaldson
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Dear Mr. Donaldson:

In a letter from Fred Korotkin, 941 N. Dupont Avenue, Minneapolis 11, Minnesota which he sent to me, there was a suggestion in which I believe you will see a lot of merit. Mr. Korotkin is the editor of "BEACHHEAD," official publication of North Side Post No. 230, American Legion, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He suggests that the stamp to be issued on November 19 to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address be issued in the form of a souvenir sheet on which Lincoln's speech is reproduced in full. This is quite possible, even on a small size sheet since there were only about 300 words in it.

I would suggest that this excellent idea be carried a step or two farther. One, make the stamp a 5c value for the foreign rate, and two, tie it in with the Freedom Train, or the European Recovery Program, or both. Stamps have been requested for both.

Then have the Post Office Department through the daily, philatelic and other news sources put on a rousing campaign to have citizens and business firms use the sheet on their foreign mail. Europeans know about Lincoln—I think the citizens of this country would cooperate grandly.

Sincerely,

Carl P. Rueth.

Let's take a ride.

1. There have been six commemorative stamps issued on which a covered wagon is included in the design. Name five.

2. Was an automobile ever shown on a commemorative stamp?

Linn's, and this column especially, have always tried to be helpful in any way possible. I feel that offering information is one of the reasons it should exist. But some persons are abusing the information idea considerably—they just don't seem to want to help themselves. At one time and another, and just lately too, the number of stamps per pane was enumerated for each of the different size stamps. And still requests come in on this matter for

each new stamp issue.

Many collectors are a lazy bunch when it comes to helping their own cause. Instead of having a book in which they can paste informative clippings, or a small note book in which they can copy information as they read it, they dub along never getting the best the hobby has to offer. Their collections show this slovenly approach also.

On seeing a picture, or hearing of a stamp to be issued in the Famous American size, they should immediately remember that these come 70 to the pane. The large commemorative stamps are issued 50 to the pane. And, the stamps the size of the current regular postage series are issued 100 to the pane. That shouldn't be hard to remember.

Last year about this time, the Post Office Department was getting a lot of criticism because stamps on covers run through canceling machines were being chewed up in the process. It is to the credit of the POD that when this condition was brought to their attention, they took means to remedy it. Things were just ducky for the past ten months. Now, the chewing begins again, and it will get progressively worse unless protests are sent to Washington. You might as well protest now as later rather than after one of your choice covers or stamps has become mauled.

Collectors too, do not like the constant postponement of the addition of the Presidential Series of regular stamps to the Agency lists. While they have the assurance of the Department that these will appear some time, why should the POD put it off. Surely the addition of these stamps to the lists will not upset the Agency's apperant. What if collectors do have to wait a week longer for their stamps, they have always had to wait anyhow. And the stamps have never showed the signs of age over such a delay in delivery, although as much cannot be said for some of the persons who sent in the orders!

There will be 50 million of the 3c Oregon Territory Centennial stamps.

Covers in The Mail: First Flight on AM-86 from Land O'Lakes, Wis. courtesy of Henry Meisel of Clintonville, Wis. Idlewild Airport dedication cover, courtesy of the Earl Ovington Jr. Unit of Jack Knight Air Mail Society.

Fer Cryin' Out Loud Department: As late as July 24, collectors were having their covers, prepared for the first day of the Oregon Territory stamp, returned to them from the Oregon City, Ore. post office by postmaster Mrs. Lanora L. Parker. It seems as if the POD officials had failed to notify Mrs. Parker that her office would be the one at which the first day of issue would take place. The first day sale did take place at Oregon City on August 14, and Mrs. Parker was snowed under with covers.

Edward J. Hardy, Jr. of Pelham Manor, New York writes that the automatic stamp vending machine in the main post office at New York City was selling the Scott No. 597 1c Franklin coil stamp of

the 1922-26 issue. The boys and girls soon found out about this one too.

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1. The six commems on which a covered wagon appear are the 10c Trans-Mississippi; 1c Louisiana Purchase; 1936 Ore.; Utah Centennial; Swede Pioneers; 1948 Oregon (issued August 14).
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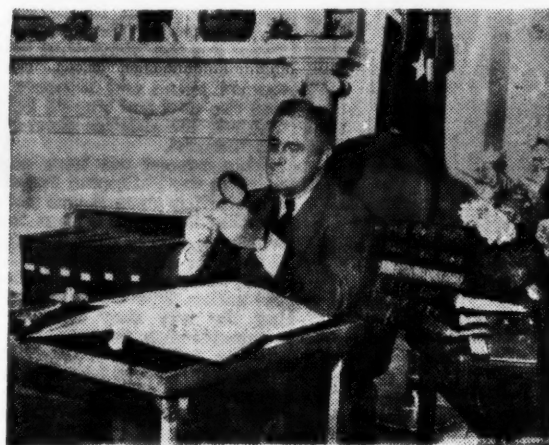
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GREAT BRITAIN. The Olympic Games set of four values will be overprinted for Tangier, Morocco, Bahrain, Kuwait and Muscat. The release dates are late in July.

POUND NOTES. For sometime many British Empire items have been offered to collectors below face value. This was because actual pound notes could be bought here at a substantial discount from face and then in some undisclosed way reached England where they were used to buy stamps which eventually arrived here. The papers recently reported the case of a ship's cook who in leaving his ship, carried a large cake which he explained he had baked for a certain celebration. Suspicious custom men cut the cake to find it stuffed with pound notes. From a low price of \$1.80 per pound there has been a gradual increase in price to around \$3.00 and it is difficult to obtain substantial amounts at any price. This may be due to the fact that this is the tourist season and visitors to England are permitted to bring in a limit of 20 pounds. These tourists also buy such sums as they may require for spending while on the boat. Wholesale dealers who have been supplying British Empire stamps below face, report that they expect wholesale prices to increase substantially in the near future. This may mean disappointments to collectors and dealers as many advance orders have been taken

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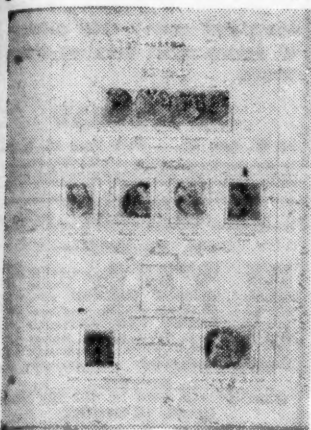
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LET'S MOUNT STAMPS
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Many, and the majority of the "big" collections in the United States make use of the box, and or the mat or both. It can only be stated that boxed or matted material has greater eye appeal. It might be well to point out that there is less and less emphasis on value and rarity in today's exhibitions. And even when such consideration was more popular, collections attractively put together of penny material copped top awards at national shows.

Some groups of collectors, such as the Austria Philatelic Society of which Mr. Unger is a member, make it a feature of their meetings and their society bulletins to exchange information and to give talks about their stamps.



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This type of intercourse occurs regularly at the meetings and in the bulletin of the Austria Philatelic Society which has members in all parts of the United States, but which has its regular meetings, and the home office of its secretary.

Chief interests of this society are the study of the stamps of Austria and Lombardy-Venetia. Readers who collect such stamps might want further information on the Austria Philatelic Society. The secretary, Joseph F. Bush, Kitchen Mgr., Institute of Living, Hartford Conn. will gladly give it to them.

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By A. C. TOWNSEND

Dear George:—

I am scandalized and horrified to read your editorial comment of July 26th regarding that grand West Virginia find. You say that "Anyone can make a stamp find. It requires no special genius." This from you, the editor who has published around fifty of my tales of stamp finds, many of them perfectly true, and every one of them with a basis of fact!

It is true that anyone can make a stamp find if he just stumbles over a box or trunk, wonders what is in it, looks and finds stamps. Mr. Hardman admits in his article about the find that those old records had lain there for decades, and that he had visited them before, but it never occurred to him to look for stamps until he noticed the broken box of large jackets and large printed envelopes, so the find was purely a piece of luck.

But I contend that stamp hunting and finding does require special genius, and that there are not more than half a dozen men in this country who have or have exhibited the necessary qualifications to do the job with any continuing success through years. To figure out where there is a possible find to be made; to plan a line of approach to the owner, how to avoid a cold turnaround on the first approach, now to "get your foot in the door," and so on, these things do require a special genius, as well as other qualifications.

The first and prime qualification of a successful stamp finder is persistent enthusiasm—a never say die spirit. Many try stamp hunting. After two or three failures they become discouraged and quit. The man who succeeds is the one who after seven failures is just as sure that the next time will bring the big find as he was when he tried the first time.

It is a strange fact, but an absolute fact that almost every old man and every old woman who is approached about old stamps immediately declares that there are none. They don't stop to think it over; the idea of cancelled stamps having any real value is nonsensical to them, and to get rid of you they simply declare that they have none. H. F. Colman and I found that out long years ago in Washington, D. C.

After I had dug up the first 10c Baltimore ever found, we decided that down on the western shore of Maryland, where the farmers had sent their produce to Baltimore for a hundred years by boat (Notice that we had also dug up that information!) there should be some old places with old letters from Baltimore, and we took a summer vacation and went to see. We finally found one box of over 500 letters from Baltimore in a cellar—old folded blue letters in perfect preservation, and not a stamp on one of them! Had they been stamped instead of carrying the blue Balto. circled "5" and "10" it would have been about the biggest find ever made. We paid five dollars to get the owner to let us look over that box, and we took away 50 of the covers to give away to collectors. There are a lot of them around the country I bought one of them in Florida last winter.

Did we give up and quit? We did not. We spent several more days roaming around the farms and small towns, and eventually ran across a lot of Revenues that paid all our expenses and more. A while later in Washington an

old gentleman died who for long years had been an official in the State Department. We went to see his widow. She had been cleaning up and at once said that he had no old letter or State Dept. stamps. We were very sorry, but we did not take our hats and walk out. We produced several of the stamps and told her of their value. Then we showed her one on cover and said it was worth double that way to us. That impressed her and she said she would look again and notify us if she found anything.

We heard nothing. That is a very common brushoff, as we well knew. So we went again on a pleasant summer evening and made our sales talk all over again. She finally got interested enough to say that out in the loft of the stable there was a box of old papers which she had not bothered to touch. It was barely possible that there might be some stamps or covers in it. We promptly arranged to come back the next afternoon, bring the box down where she could look at the contents with us—and we did get some nice blocks of State Dept. stamps that he had put away, and a few stamped covers addressed to him from the Dept. at times when he was traveling.

Many years later, living in Chicago, I was told of a crabbed old gentleman living on the east bank of the Mississippi River in the old house he had occupied when he was postmaster of a tiny town there. Now there were only half a dozen houses, but he kept a little store for the benefit of the farmers nearby. Nobody had been able to pry anything out of him. I made a trip to the nearest town, saw an insurance agent there who knew the old codger, and talked the possibilities over with him. After getting him interested, he stated that the old man's grandson lived in town and he thought he could get him to drive me out there. So it was arranged.

When we got there, a hot July afternoon, the old man was sitting on the porch of his little store, the door of which was closed. The grandson presented me and I did my song and dance. He had no old letters. I put on a new bait. How long had he lived there? Had he traveled any? What an interesting life he had had! Sure you have no old letter? He wouldn't bite. I tried lure after lure and he finally nibbled on one. There was some old stuff, but it was in a trunk in a backroom full of other stuff. Where? He jerked his thumb over his shoulder. It was right there in the store!

I put on my best minnow and cast. Got up, took off my coat, rolled up my sleeves and said, "I've come clear from Chicago to buy those old letters. Show me where they are, and I'll move everything necessary to get at them and promise to move everything back into place afterwards; let's get started." He bit and was hooked! He got an old key five inches long out of his pocket, opened the store door and led me to the back room. There was the darndest lot of odds and ends of junk there from the store that you ever saw, and against the back wall was a pile of four trunks. He said the letters were in the bottom one!

I took off my shirt and waded into the mess, carried things out and stacked them up until I could get at the trunks moved three of them out and finally dragged the bottom one to where he could get at it and open it up—and there were old letters in it, a lot of them tied up in bundles. I took them all out to the counter of the store and while I was picking and sorting he opened another of the trunks and found some more! It was almost supper time when I had the covers loaded into the auto and things moved back properly into the back room, paid him off, shook hands and departed. No rare stamps in the lot, but I got them. By Gosh! No special genius needed, eh? Other fellows had tried and never got them.

A friend in Chicago told me his parents lived across the Wis. border in a house that had been in their family since the Revolution. He went up to see them once or twice a year. I tried to get him to look in the attic for stamps. Simply could not get him interested in the matter. Finally he was getting married; going to take his wife to see the old folks and then going to Niagara Falls

on a honeymoon. Got all the money you want for the trip? He thought so, but could use more of course.

All right; here's how to get it. As soon as you get home you go up attic and hunt up all the covers you can find, put 'em in a shoe box and mail them down to me. I'll send you a check by return mail for what they are worth to me, and you can stretch that honeymoon. That idea hit him just right, and he did, and I did. There were four "Prisoner of War" letters in what he sent me, as well as some 10c 1861's and 1867's on cover, and other things. Anybody can make a find? Phooey to you, George.

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Keith Nelson of Marietta, Ohio, sent that one in. He didn't state whether he was the author or not, but in any case, we liked it.

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And Covers At Face

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Readers are cordially welcomed to meet Mr. Rueth. He will be more than pleased to make their acquaintance, and should there be matters pertaining to Linn's Weekly Stamp News and Linn Products about which they would like information, they should feel free to ask about them. Questions which might need some time to prepare an answer can be directed to him now. He will have the answer if at all possible by convention time.

But whether you have questions or not, he will consider it a pleasure to meet and shake hands with you, and swap stamp talk.



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NEW JERSEY TYPESET

R. D. Fullerton reporting in the Optimist has an illustration and description of a Typeset precancel used recently at OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY. According to Mr. Fullerton it is quite likely that the stamps were placed on the envelope and then the precancelation and legend "Sec. 562 etc" and quite likely the return address were all printed at the same time. The illustration leads one to believe that a small size 6 point Gothic type was used between 2 point lines. The town and state name are spelled out in full. The stamp was a 1c Presidential. It was of course a one subject affair. If put out to fill a need and not to fill some ones pocketbook they will be welcomed by collectors and be sought after greatly.

Exhibition Dates

September 6-10—American Philatelic Society Convention and Exhibition, Shirley-Savoy Hotel, Denver, Colorado.
September 17-19—Society of Philatelic Americans Convention and Exhibition, Detroit-Leland Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.
September 25, 26—Mahoning Valley Stamp Club, Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, Ohio.

New Editor Named For BPA Journal

The Council of the British Philatelic Association has appointed Kenneth F. Chapman to succeed Malcolm H. Archer as Public Relations Officer and editor of the Association's journal, "Philately," effective July 15th, last.

Mr. Chapman brings to his new appointment twenty years' experience in philatelic work. In 1928 he joined the staff of Harris Publications Ltd., as assistant to the late Mr. Albert H. Harris in the Literature Department. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to the Editorial Department as assistant editor of the "Philatelic Magazine," "Philatelic Trader," "Who's Who in Philately," "Stamp Collectors' Annual," "Standard Index to Philatelic Literature" and other publications issued by Harris Publications Ltd.

Since its first number in December 1947, Mr. Chapman has edited the monthly journal of the Philatelic Traders' Society which, with the concurrence of the B. P. A. Council, he will continue to edit.

The first issue of "Philately" under its new editor will appear at the end of August.

Roosevelt Stamps Aid Japanese Boyslow

When Father Flanagan visited the orphanage run by the Conventual Franciscans in Nagasaki, Japan last year, he pronounced it a true type of his own famous Boystown in Nebraska. The 200 orphans gathered there are being brought up in the best of democratic traditions. Before the war, orphanages were rare in Japan because orphans were generally adopted into families of relatives or friends. However, the war left



many thousands of children without parents and the scarcity of food makes it difficult for families to take in extra members. Since the Japanese have not lost their love for children they have eagerly sought the aid of missionaries in organizing institutions for their care.

Soon the orphanage in Nagasaki will have a resident American priest in its midst, when Rev. Cosmas Korb of Staten Island arrives in Japan as a missionary. He was once a stamp collector, so that gave him an idea how he might raise some funds for the orphans. He noted that during the past few years collectors have evinced great interest in F. D. Roosevelt items due to the issuance of over 100 stamps in honor of the late President by numerous countries. The U. S. government itself has put out five stamps and minted a dime with the portrait of Roosevelt.

Anyone sending Rev. Cosmas Korb, St. Francis Seminary, Staten Island N. Y. a donation of \$3 for his Boystown will receive as a gift a set of five F. D. Roosevelt stamps mounted in golden brass cases with acetate fronts and token reverses referring to the Roosevelt dime. They were originally issued by his father, Mr. Nicholas Korb, to advertise the Centennial of the City of Syracuse, which is being celebrated this year.

If you have never heard of an encased stamp, they were popular during the early days of the Civil War and were made by a certain John Gault for hatters, hotel-keepers, pill manufacturers and others to alleviate the shortage of small change and provide an advertising medium at the same time. The fad died out when the federal government began the printing of postage stamp currency, commonly called "shin-plasters." The greatest collection of these pieces was formed by W. J. Dunham of Chicago, who had 164 varieties.

Shortly after the end of hostilities of World War I, merchants of about eight European countries made use of encased postage stamps as media of exchange. The American Numismatic Society in New York has many, many varieties of these as yet uncatalogued.

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Gold Discovery Stamp An Australian Possibility

Collectors of Australia with one eye in their history books, and the other on the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, are already appraising the Department of the fact that 1951 will mark the centenary of the Discovery of Gold in that country. In commenting on these efforts, the "Herald" of Melbourne offers the following.

"If a special postage stamp is issued in 1951 to commemorate the centenary of the finding of gold in Victoria, a design of the Welcome Nugget will be considered."

"The Postmaster-General (Senator Cameron) has promised this in a letter to the Vice-President of Ballarat Historical Society. (Mr. W. Robertson) who recently wrote suggesting the Welcome Nugget as a design for a Commonwealth stamp."

"The Welcome Nugget, most spectacular find of the early-day Ballarat field, was discovered on June 9, 1858, at the Red Hill Mine, Humffray-street. It was 175 lb. avoirdupois, and 99.6 per cent pure gold. The nugget was 20 in. long, 13 in. broad, and 8 in. thick. One end was thick and shaped like the head of a horse."

"The nugget was exhibited in Melbourne by the Witkowski brothers, who paid £10,050 for it. It was sent to London for display at the Crystal Palace, and later was melted down and minted into sovereigns."

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